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### **NOAA'S STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is seeking applicants for conservation and at-large representatives for its sanctuary advisory council.

Applicants are chosen based upon their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying. Consideration includes knowledge of the resources, and community and professional affiliations. Terms run for two-years and members will serve without pay. The advisory council meets on average four times a year depending on issues. Current holders of seats may re-apply.

The Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in March 2001 to provide advice on management and protection of the sanctuary. The advisory council, through its members, also represents community interests and concerns to sanctuary management and NOAA.

A council member application package may be obtained by calling council coordinator Nathalie Ward, (781) 545-8026, or by e-mail at [nathalie.ward@noaa.gov](mailto:nathalie.ward@noaa.gov). Advisory council member application packages are also available on the sanctuary's Web site: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary  
ATTN – Nathalie Ward. Sanctuary Advisory Council Applications  
175 Edward Foster Road  
Scituate, MA 02066

Applications must be received by August 15, 2006. Representatives for each seat selected by the sanctuary will begin their terms in October 2006.

The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary encompasses 842 square miles of ocean, stretching between Cape Ann and Cape Cod. Renowned for its scenic beauty and remarkable productivity, the sanctuary supports a rich diversity of marine life including marine mammals, more than 30 species of seabirds, over 100 species of fishes, and hundreds of marine invertebrates and plants.

The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established to assure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the advisory council's 21 voting members represent a variety of local user

groups, as well as the general public, plus seven local, state and federal government jurisdictions. Since its establishment, the advisory council has played a vital role in advising the sanctuary and NOAA on critical issues and is currently focused on the sanctuary's development of a five-year management plan.

The NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program, which manages the Stellwagen Bank sanctuary, seeks to increase the public awareness of America's marine resources and maritime heritage by conducting scientific research, monitoring, exploration and educational programs. Today, the sanctuary program manages 13 national marine sanctuaries and one marine national monument that together encompass more than 150,000 square miles of America's ocean and Great Lakes natural and cultural resources.

In 2007, NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, celebrates 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in the 1870s, much of America's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of the nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners and more than 60 countries to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes.

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On the Internet:

NOAA - <http://www.noaa.gov>

National Ocean Service - <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov>

National Marine Sanctuary Program - <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary – <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>